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TELEGRAMS.

SPORTING NEWS.

The Lancashire Plate of 12,000 sovs. distance seven furlongs, run for at Manchester on Sept. 26th resulted as follows:—
Chevalier Gladiolus b. f. Signorina, by St. Simon—Star of Port, 4 yrs, got. 13lb... 1.
Duke of Westminster's b. c. Orme, by Ormonde—Angelica, 2 yrs, got. 9lb... 2.
Mr. Douglas Baird's b. c. Moragon, by Bend Or—Tiger Lily, 4 yrs, got. 9lb... 3.

MR. GLADSTONE AT NEWCASTLE.

LONDON, October 5th.

The freedom of the city of Newcastle has been conferred on the Right Hon'ble W. E. Gladstone M.P. In a speech, returning thanks for this honour, Mr. Gladstone urged that there should be no necessity to adhere to free trade principles.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK

OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

October 6th.

The report of the Chartered Mercantile Bank states that it has been found necessary to make further provision to meet losses in the Straits Settlements and failures in the Eastern trade. The Bank is therefore unable to pay a dividend for the past half year, and it is also necessary to take £155,000 from the reserve fund to provide for these losses. The shares of the Bank have fallen 1/2 1/2.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

October 7th.
There is a general abnegation among all ranks of society in St. Petersburg, in order that the savings may be given to those persons suffering from famine.

BALFOUR TO LEAD THE COMMONS.

October 13th.
The suggested appointment of Mr. Balfour to the leadership of the House of Commons receives the support of the Conservative papers.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN SHAKY.

The time of application for the Russian loan has been extended one week.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. DENNER, the French dramatic author, has written 200 plays. He is now a cheerful old man of eighty.

THE Band of the A. and S. Highlanders will play in the Public Gardens, on Monday, the 19th inst., commencing at 8.30 till 10 p.m.

The number of divorces annually granted in the United States is greater than the sum of the Christian world, Protestant, Catholic, or Greek.

An emergency meeting of the "Ararat" Lodge of Royal Ark Masons, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE little King of Spain does not know his letters yet, and all mental education has been forbidden him. He is so fragile and puny physically, that the slightest exertion of the mind fatigues him.

PRISONER—"Would your Wuship mind hurrying up my case a bit? It's nearly twelve o'clock, and if I am going up for a spell of 'hard,' I'd like to get inside in time for dinner."
Six months, without the option.

MR. WILLARD'S Opera Company performed Planquette's comic opera "Rip Van Winkle" to a rather small audience at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night. To-night Sydney Grandy's great farcical comedy "Arabian Nights" will be produced.

A GOA correspondent states that the proceedings against the leaders of the Loyalla party, charged with sedition and murder in connection with the fatal election disturbances last September, were adjourned on Sept. 19th by a full bench of the Goa High Court.

THE depression in Dell is so great, says the Penang Gazette, that some 20,000 coolies have been thrown out of employment, and this fact is looked upon as so serious a light that the authorities are refusing permission to natives to land until they have satisfactorily shown that they are not likely to become paupers at large.

PROBABLY the most remarkable railroad in the world is that running from Gloggnitz to Loosener, near Vienna. It is only twenty-five miles in length, but cost \$9,000,000. It begins at an elevation of 1,400 feet, and has its terminus at 13,000 feet. It has fifteen double viaducts, seventeen tunnels, and crosses itself nine times.

We have, says the New York World, about ten millions of people in this country who work very hard, but seldom get a square meal, and we have also foreign capitalists owning over \$100,000,000 worth of our industries. Where is the man to publicly assert that conditions such as these are healthy and desirable in a Republic?

"PAPA," inquired a Congressman's little daughter over a French lesson, "what is the French for a 'battle-horse'?" "A war-horse you mean don't you?" "I guess so, Papa." "Of course, you do, daughter. The French for that is *cheval de combat*," and the member stroked his whiskers with prideful dignity and went on with his newspaper.

A CROSMAN in England, pleading earnestly with his parishioners the construction of a cemetery for their parish, asked them to consider the "deplorable condition of 30,000 Englishmen living without Christian burial." Still more curious was another clerical slip. A gentleman said to a minister: "When do you expect to see Deacon S. again?" "Never," said the reverend gentleman, solemnly, "the deacon is in Heaven."

THERE was a little mild excitement at the Police Court this morning. A seafaring man named John Wyatt, a lineal descendant of the patriot of old, had been carrying his ideas of liberty too far in the Salton's Home last night, and was to-day classed as a common d. and c. He was sentenced to 14 days in the Tower, and on his way from the Court passed within reach of the Salton's Home watchman. To get even, John attacked him violently, and was immediately brought back into the dock and awarded six weeks longer.

A YOUNG woman with delicious blue eyes and brown hair said that "love was heavenly," but then she had only been engaged twenty-four hours, and her experience was limited to a solitary diamond ring and a bunch of orchids. A little woman who had been married eight years, and who was the proud possessor of two pairs of twins, announced "that love was all very well in its way, and that the first year or two of your married life you were always devotedly found of Chapley, but when it came to real satisfaction give her babies!" A man about sixty, who really knew what he was talking about, said "that love was like champagne—every fresh glass seemed the best!" while a bachelor of forty-five said, "You know life very nice to have a little woman fond of you and all that sort of thing, but never allow yourself to get fond of her; you will spoil her."

THE orders of the day at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. are as follows:—

Dr. Cantile will move—That the Board, in accordance with the information conveyed in the report of the Government Analyst as to the condition of the Tai-tam and Pok-fu-lam waters, make the following recommendations:—

A.—That the Tai-tam waterworks be supplied with pipes whereby the water from the streams can be carried directly into the conduit as in the case of the Pok-fu-lam works.

B.—That sand of a quality such as the Government Analyst recommends be obtained for the filter-beds.

C.—That the Tai-tam service reservoir be covered over as early as possible.

Agenda.—1. Letter from Honourable Colonial Secretary transmitting Analyst's report on the whitish appearance of the Tai-tam and Pok-fu-lam waters. 2. Report having reference to the unhealthiness of a School-house at Stanley.

3. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 3rd and 10th October, 1891. 4. Application to erect Water-closets in a private residence. 5. Monthly and Quarterly Reports.

THE F. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thaliet* left Bombay yesterday morning for this port.

Mr. Jiggles—May I escort you home?
Miss Jiggles—No, I thank you. My chair cools get frightened at little things!

A REGULAR Convocation of Cathay Chapter, No. 1165, will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

MACADAM, the inventor of the famous road that bears his name, laboured for years to perfect his idea, and although the British Parliament voted him £6,000, that amount hardly covered his outlay. Macadam's monument is the roads of Great Britain.

Sho—"Did you enjoy your life at Oxford?"
He—"Not altogether."
She—"Why not?"

He—"One of my professors used to have a habit of making jokes, and we were all of us afraid of being suspended if we didn't laugh."

"FAIRPLAY" says that as soon as the Russian State Council meets again, a bill will be laid before it for the creation of a new line of cargo and passenger steamers which shall carry the mails between Russian and India, China, Japan and Eastern Siberia. The Company to be formed will have a capital of ten million roubles.

Blinks—Can't honestly say I ever heard you make any jokes. (Sighs—One to Blinks.)
Jinks—Not my fault, my dear fellow. 'Tisn't that I never make them; fact is, you can't see 'em.

Blinks—Quite true, I can't; too microscopic, aren't they? (Two to Blinks, and the rubber.)

SAID the late Dr. Magee, Archbishop of York: "I once heard of a paid minister who went to his dean to solicit an increase of salary. 'Salary!' said the dean. 'I thought you worked for souls?' 'So I do,' replied the poor man, 'but I cannot eat souls; and if I could, it would take a good many souls of your size to make a dish!'"

THE latest London dodge for getting cheap liquor is to order your favourite tipple, empty a white powder into it, drink four-fifths of it at one gulp, and then commence bidding earth farewell. At this stage the publican, fearing you'll die, will poison on the premises and bring his extra mild into disrepute, drive you out on the way to the next pub, forgetful of your indebtedness.

A.—"Do you think it is possible to tell a man's character by his handwriting?"
B.—"Oh, yes. I judged Brown's character correctly by his handwriting long before I saw him."

A.—"Indeed?"
B.—"Yes, I saw it several times on I. O. U.'s and notes of hand."

ANTONETTE STERLING, the well-known contralto, has lately joined the Quakers, and created an unusual sensation at a meeting at Leytonstone the other day. After the meeting had sat for a long time without the spirit moving any one to speak, Mme. Sterling got up and sang. Singing is unheard of in Quakers' meetings, but she sang "Rest in the Lord" without interruption. Afterward one of the elders approached her and said: "Three thousand sisters, that it is against the rules, but if the Lord telleth thee to sing, thou must."

It has been demonstrated that coffee has disinfectant properties and is very effective in killing fever germs. Dr. Luderitz, who has paid close attention to the subject, did not use strong effusions, but found that a certain harmless micrococci germ died in a 10 per cent. coffee solution in from three to five days. The bacillus of typhoid fever perished in from one to three days under coffee influence, and the cholera bacillus in from three to four hours. The germ of anthrax or splenic fever died in from two to three hours, but the spores of young forms of the latter germs perished in from two to four weeks only.

A NUMISMATIST states that the largest gold coin now in circulation is said to be the gold ingot, or "loaf," of Annam. It is a flat round gold piece, and on it is written in Indian letters its value, which is about \$220. The next sized coin to this valuable but extremely awkward one is the "obang" of Japan, which is about \$55, and next comes the "benda" of Ashmole, which is about \$40. The California \$50 gold piece is about the same as the "benda." The heaviest silver coin in the world also belongs to Annam, where the silver ingot is worth about \$1; then comes the Chinese "tael" and then the Austrian double thaler.

LIFE WOULD BE MERRIER.

If love were not blind.
If we were all satisfied.
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THE steamer *Nanchow* of Penang, well known in the local coasting trade, has been sold to Messrs. Woo Bin & Co. of Singapore for \$70,000.

AN amusing incident occurred at the Naval Exhibition in London on the 9th September, the German waiters refusing to wait upon members of the English Press, who, they said, had attacked them. The German would-be boycotters were dismissed and sent off on the spot. Is there not a moral in this little incident, with a distinctly suggestive local application?

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. Major-General Digby Barker, Officer Administering the Government, Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary), Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General), Mr. F. A. Cooper (Acting Surveyor-General), Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General), Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer), Messrs. J. J. Kewick, P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, and Ho Kai.

Mr. Cooper took the oath and his seat as Acting Surveyor-General.

THE minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

OPENING THE BALL.

His Excellency's address to the Council was as follows:—Honourable Gentlemen, We meet again to-day to resume our common labours in the interests of this Colony, and though the time is probably short during which I shall retain the privilege of co-operating with you, there are several measures demanding early consideration which I hope we may succeed in passing and, in doing so, further the good of this community. This Council, and I feel sure the community at large, will regret with me the sad death of one of our members who has been so suddenly cut off in the midst of his career. In the late Surveyor-General the Colony possessed a zealous and hard-working official, and his kindness of heart secured for him the friendship of many during his comparatively brief tenure of office here. Since we last met a change has taken place in the Government, and I think that you will all agree with me that in losing Sir William Des Voeux this Colony has lost the able services of one who was thoroughly imbued with the desire to promote the best interests of the Colony, and who achieved at least as large a measure of success in that direction as any of his predecessors.

If not larger. You all join with me, I know, in hoping that the change to an invigorating climate will restore to him that health the failure of which unfortunately compelled him to resign his Government. Of the measures to which I have alluded a few have already been under your consideration, others have been prepared and will be immediately introduced, while some are still in course of preparation. As regards the Opium Ordinance, which was read a first time shortly before our vacation, circumstances have since shown the desirability of continuing to keep separate as heretofore the law as regards Raw and Prepared Opium respectively, which it was proposed by the Bill to amalgamate. That Bill will therefore be withdrawn and two new Ordinances will be at once introduced dealing separately with these two matters—a course which, I hope, will facilitate the rapid passing of both measures.

It is important should become law at an early date. I have every reason to hope that if the Government is supported in its efforts to stop the smuggling of prepared opium into this Colony, the revenue on this head will not only be maintained but may be largely increased. The Ordinance to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy passed its second reading as long ago as last December. It has since received the assent of the Governor, and is now ready to be dealt with by you. The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill, which was read a second time at our last meeting, will doubtless have received during the recess the close attention of those who are specially affected by its provisions; and as it is important that no more delay than is necessary should take place in passing it, it will be placed before you again immediately. Of the Bills which have been prepared to be brought before you perhaps none is more desirable in the commercial interests of the Colony than the Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance. The continuous flow of emigration through this Colony is a large factor in the prosperity of the Port, and it is to be regretted that it has been from various circumstances so much checked of late. I am informed by Officers of the Government who have given attention to the subject, that this is in a large extent due to the absence of satisfactory arrangements for the proper treatment of Emigrants from the time of their leaving their native homes to the time of their return to China. The measure which will be placed before you has as its object the improvement of the status of the Emigrant, so far as the Government of this Colony can improve it, and it is hoped that, by placing Emigration on a satisfactory footing, it will benefit the Commerce of the Port. Other measures which will be brought before you are:—1. A Patent Ordinance for amending the Law relating to the grant in this Colony of Letters Patent for Inventions. 2. An Ordinance for the incorporation of the Seafaring Missionary in Hongkong of the London Missionary Society. 3. An Ordinance to amend the Building Ordinance. A St. John's Church Ordinance for providing for the future maintenance and administration of the Cathedral, consequent upon the abolition of the post of Colonial Chaplain and the altered status of the Church of England in this Colony. 4. A Volunteer Ordinance. The defence works of the Colony being now practically completed and armed, the question of increasing the force of Volunteers and placing them on a more efficient and satisfactory footing has become urgent. The Machine Gun ordered from England have arrived, and I shall have to invite the revival of the interest of the residents in the Colony in the matter of auxiliary defence, about which enthusiasm has recently flagged. The difficulties in arranging for the promised reinforcement of regular troops have now been got over, and there is every reason to believe that the Garrison will soon be completed to its full establishment, but the need for an efficient system of Volunteers is still great. With regard to the question of offering further space for the improvement of the Harbour, which has occupied the attention of the Government for some time past, and at which the present Colonial Treasurer, while acting as Registrar-General, and the Registrar-General himself since his return from leave, have worked with much energy, it has at last been found possible to devise means to carry out this very necessary object by severing to the Chinese practice of exhumation and "urning" of the bones. I have not ceased to use my best endeavours to induce the High Chinese Authorities of the neighbouring Province to suppress gambling in the Chinese towns and villages on our borders, which has increased with the diminution of the law in this Colony produced by the Gambling Ordinance which you recently passed.

representations have been met by the Chinese authorities with a laudable desire to co-operate, and stringent measures have been taken by them to attain the desired object, but I regret to say that the main difficulty in totally suppressing the evil there, arises from the shelter and facilities afforded to the gamblers by the neighbourhood of Hongkong and the easy means of transport. The earnest attention of the Government is being directed to this phase of the matter. On the other hand it may interest you to learn that from a report furnished me by the Police Magistrate, the effect of the new Gambling Ordinance here has been most satisfactory, as evidenced not only by the total suppression of the gambling houses but by the consequent diminution of all classes of crime.

His Excellency then referred to several minor matters at some length, and proceeded to a detailed statement of all the work which it is proposed to undertake in the ensuing year, which shortly be submitted to you in connection with the estimates. I have, in consultation with the Executive Council, been recently considering the method by which the licensing of Jitrickshas has hitherto been conducted, and a change is in contemplation by which, I believe, not only will considerable improvement be introduced into the vehicles themselves and the regulation of their traffic but a considerable increase to the revenue will result, while the interest of existing licensees will be duly protected. The Estimates for the coming year are in an advanced state of preparation and will be shortly laid before you. I think I may say that the financial position of the Colony is hopeful as indicated by the statistics which they will afford. You will learn with satisfaction that as far as can be foreseen at present the ordinary Revenue of the current year together with Premiums on Land sales will fully realize the original estimate, while the probable expenditure (ordinary and extraordinary) will fall short of the estimated sum by about \$200,000. The originally estimated deficit on the year of \$455,000 is therefore reduced to \$255,000, a sum which so far as present estimates show can be defrayed out of existing balances. It is a matter of congratulation that not only has the revenue of the year thus been sufficient to cover the ordinary expenditure, including the increased Military Contribution both for this year and last year, and the increased salaries, but also to leave a balance of \$250,000 towards defraying the cost of Extraordinary Public Works, now estimated to amount for the year to \$500,000. I should mention that the probable revenue for the current year is now estimated at \$2,299,000 or an increase of over \$27,000 on that of the year 1890. It has been advocated for a considerable time past that, in view of the large number of Public Works in progress or in immediate contemplation, to the cost of which future residents in the Colony might be fairly required to contribute, e.g. the New Central Market, the New Gas, New Roads, &c., a Loan should be raised, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated his readiness to consider the question. I have therefore, fully considered the matter with this result:—The cost of the Public Works which are likely to be urgently required to be constructed during the next five years may be roughly estimated at two million and a half of dollars, and an expenditure of \$500,000 a year, which is also I have ascertained, about the limit which the Public Works Department have on the average the means of carrying out, though for various reasons it is often necessary to exceed that limit in estimating for the year's services. The returns of shipping for the past nine months show a satisfactory progress. Although last year was phenomenal in the activity displayed by the shipping trade, the returns being the largest yet made, since the colony has been in existence, and the total of arrivals and departures having exceeded by a million tons the corresponding figures for 1889, yet the arrivals in Ocean trade alone during the first nine months of this year have exceeded those of the corresponding period of 1890 by 86 ships with a registered tonnage of 134,545 tons. With a revenue already yearly increasing and likely to increase, I therefore think it well to postpone action in this direction. In conclusion, I congratulate you on such untimely success in the carrying out of the duties of this Colony, as is furnished by these statistics, and as by the remarkable results of the Census to which I previously invited your attention. May our efforts in this Council be always aimed at and be successful in securing, a continued increase of that prosperity and the welfare of all.

THE Colonial Secretary laid on the table despatches referring to the Military Contribution and to the Chinese Consul for Hongkong, and a number of financial minutes which were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney-General laid on the table the report of the Law Committee on the Bankruptcy Bill, 1891, and gave notice of his intention to move the third reading of it.

His Excellency under regulation 48 appointed several standing committees.

Mr. Whitehead begged to withdraw eight questions standing in his name, in consideration of the sad death of the Surveyor-General, and put the following:—

9. Will the Government lay on the table a statement showing:—(1) The amount of money received from Marine Loan holders and other sources of the Praya Reclamation Fund, and (2) Mode of investment of the fund; (3) The payments thereon to 30th ultimo, and on what specific accounts, particularly:—a. Payments to Contractors; b. Payments for plant, materials, &c.; also a detailed report showing the progress of and the actual condition of the work.

10. Have contracts been entered into for the execution of work on any sections other than those of the Praya Reclamation Fund, and if not, is it intended to proceed with any other sections within the ensuing year.

11. Will the Government lay on the table a copy of Lord Knutsford's Despatch of 26th March, 1891, to His Excellency Governor Sir William Des Voeux in connection with the appointment of a Chinese Consul in Hongkong, and a copy of Governor Sir Wm. Des Voeux's reply thereto, also a copy of Lord Knutsford's Despatch of 7th July, 1891, as well as a copy of His Lordship's Despatch confirming his telegram to His Excellency The Officer Administering the Government received here on 18th July last, intimating that the proposed probatory appointment of a Chinese Consul for this Colony had been withdrawn.

12. Will the Government lay on the table a copy of any correspondence which may have been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies in connection with the Protest of the Unofficial Members of His Honourable Council against the action of His Excellency Governor Sir Wm. Des Voeux in issuing his warrant without the authority of the Council on the 21st February, 1891, for the payment of the equivalent of £20,000 sterling additional Military Contribution exacted from this Colony for the year 1890.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table papers referring to question 9.

The Acting Surveyor-General replied to No. 10 that no arrangement had been made.

His Excellency replied to Nos. 11 and No. 12 by referring to despatches already laid on the table, and to a previous answer given by him to a similar question.

The Registrar-General laid on the table laws for regulating cemeteries, and moved that they be adopted.

The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion which was carried.

NEW BILLS.

The Prepared Opium Bill and the Raw Opium Bill were read a first time, and by suspension of the standing orders also passed the second reading after some discussion.

The Council adjourned for a week.

PUNJOM AND SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY.

The sixth ordinary meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at noon to-day. There were present Mr. Orange (Chairman), Messrs. David Gillies, T. E. Davies, M. M. de Rosa, Dwyer, Gaskell, Lyall, Terry, Johnson, G. Holmes, A. E. Skeels, T. W. Smith, G. Fenwick, Twiggman, A. S. Cohen, Romanjee, Schwencke, and A. O. D. Gourdin, Secretary.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report, said:—Gentlemen, you have had the report for the half year ending March 31st for some time in your possession, and with your permission I will take it as read. This meeting has been delayed in consequence of my visit to Pahang, and with regard to that visit I must say that I think it is of great importance that some member of the Board should periodically visit so important an undertaking as the operations at Punjom. Mr. Brodie was

Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 162 per cent. prem., sales.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £2.10 paid 50 per cent. dis., sales.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, £225 per share, buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—£141 per share, sales and buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, £135 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—31 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—4 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$63 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tis. 255 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$107 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tis. 70 buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$312 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$86 per share, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$351 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—57 per share, sales and buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—27 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$38 per share, sellers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$78 per cent. premium, sales.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$65 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.

The Shamshien Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.

Punjun and Sanghae Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$3 per share, sellers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$6.50 per share, sellers.

Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$3 per share, nominal.

Tongkai Coal Mining Co.—\$345 per share, sellers.

The Telebn Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$41 per share, sellers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—40 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$12, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$176 per share, buyers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$54 per share, buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$20 per share, nominal.

Crickshaw & Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$75 per share, sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.

The Labak Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$48 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$69 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$98 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$24 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$10 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$41 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/11
Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11

On PARIS—Bank, T. T. 3/9
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/06
On India, T. T. 3/21
On Demand 3/21

On SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 7/1
Private, 50 days' sight 7/1

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Nantes*, with the French mail of the 18th ultimo, left Singapore to-day at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on the 21st instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with the American mail of the 20th ultimo, left Yokohama on the 14th instant at daylight, and may be expected here on the 19th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Japan on the afternoon of the 4th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bradford*, from London, left Singapore on the 11th instant at 4 p.m., and is due here on the 17th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Gwalior*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 12th instant at 4 p.m., and is due here on the 18th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thetis* left Bombay on the 14th instant, and may be expected here on the 19th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bombay* left London for this port on the 4th instant.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

14th October, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Temp.	Humidity.	Bar.	State.
Wanchow	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Shanghai	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Ningbo	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Hangchow	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Amoy	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Swatow	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Shantou	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Keelung	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Keelung	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Keelung	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy

15th October, 1891.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Temp.	Humidity.	Bar.	State.
Wanchow	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Shanghai	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Ningbo	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Hangchow	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Amoy	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Swatow	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
Shantou	SE	3-4	SE	78.0	85	30.0	Cloudy
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REPORTS.

The British steamship *Lee Soa* reports that she left Bangkok on the 7th instant. Had fine moderate weather throughout.

The British steamship *Sikow* reports that she left Saigon on the 10th instant. Had light easterly wind and north-east swell.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic.....Tuesday 20th October.

Belgic.....Thursday 22nd Nov.

Oceanic.....Tuesday 28th Dec.

THE Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 20th October, at 1 P.M. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From Hongkong, First-class.

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